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Mr. Thomas N. Tetting Engineering Geologist STATE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY OIL, GAS AND MINING 4241 State Office Building Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Tetting:

Thank you for your letter dated August 30, concerning your inspection of our reclaimed areas, on August 18.

You mention documentation concerning certain existing access roads within the reclamation plan. As you know, the surrounding area is a combination of private ground and public domain, with a considerable number of scattered mining claims both patented and unpatented. The Jones Brothers, who own fee ground as well as patented claims, have requested that we do not block the existing needed access. Waldon Isom, one of the major property owners in the area, has also requested the same. His comment is that the roads are an asset to the area.

Most of this ground is open range land and the cattle and sheep owners have also requested that we not destroy, for the purpose of reclamation, the access on and to their range.

We must also keep in mind the unpatented annual assessment work not only requires access, but in many instances requires excavation work.

You address certain areas where low grade stockpiles did exist as being marginal reclamation. We have replanted a number of these areas the last two seasons with limited success. The native underbrush seems to be the most prolific.

When the time element in the M-10 regulations has been met would you please arrange for closure and compliance release. A good deal of the MCahill-Thompson Alluvium property that is doing very well regarding revegetation already falls in the time compliance and is ready for release.

Yours truly

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Manager

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cc: D. M. Stones

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